

The BOCES Regional Information Centers (RICs) in New York State have identified the following mission statement and shared goals. These goals will be collaboratively achieved by all RICs.

“We are a collaborative of BOCES Regional Information Centers providing leadership and efficient, effective technology solutions for the purpose of supporting management, learning and student achievement.”

2016-2017 Regional Information Centers’ Shared Goals and Action Items

State Technology Leadership

- Work in conjunction with members of the State Education Department in order to enhance state, regional and local technology plans and related processes.
 - **All WNYRIC district technology surveys were certified by the September 1 deadline. Approvals from SED have begun going out to superintendents.**
- Provide assistance to the Smart Schools Review Board and New York State school districts, as the state implements the Smart Schools Bond Act.
 - **Smart Schools requirements continue to change and emails are sent out over the list serv with the most up to date information. Reimbursement for Smart Schools continues to be worked on and should open to the field in the next few weeks.**
 - **Smart Schools updated information continues to be posted regularly. Communication to the listserv/webinar is on a regular basis and as recent at December 1, 2016.**
 - **Information continues to be shared with schools via listserv/webinar and as recent as March 17, 2017.**
 - **A status update was sent to the listserv May 10, 2017. A review board date is not set at this time.**
- Continue to partner with NYSED in order to provide districts with support related to computer-based testing initiatives (DLM and Questar).
 - **Test Scoring team is in regular communication with NYSED and provides communications to and support for the procedures districts must follow to transition to CBT.**
 - **WNYRIC will offer to host one of the regional trainings offered from Questar this winter.**

- **Training is scheduled for January 11, 2017.**
- **Two SED/Questar roadshow sessions were held at WNYRIC – January 11 and March 6, 2017.**
- **Both support and technical team participate in the weekly CBT calls and will continue to provide information to the field,**
 - **WNYRIC teams continue to participate in the weekly CBT calls and share information with the field through the listserv.**
 - **WNYRIC provided direct support to twelve districts that moved to operational CBT in 2017 and is providing information and data support to more than 100 area schools that are doing stand-alone field testing via CBT this spring.**
- Provide data, as requested, to NYSED and other partners, in order to inform state and national broadband initiatives and programs.
 - **Data is currently being collected from the RICs across the state, WNYRIC compiles the data for this purpose.**
- As 93% of NYS school buildings meet broadband capacity standards, explore opportunities to expand regional networks in order to support other agencies', such as public libraries.
- Explore new partnerships with NYSCATE, ISTE, CoSN and other technology leadership organizations.
 - **NYSCATE Learning Summit will be held at the WNYRIC on April 24, 2017.**
- Continue to work collaboratively on bids, RFPs and contracts that address statewide needs and leverage economies of scale.
 - **WNYRIC is preparing the bid for Internet Service Provider, several RICs participate.**
 - **2017-2018 ISP Bid was awarded at the March 8, 2017 board meeting to Cogent and Level 3.**

State Data Leadership

- Monitor, enhance and expand the RICs' Common Data Views Initiative.
- Work in conjunction with Questar Assessment, Inc., NYSED and the large city school district scanning centers to make necessary modifications to existing NYS assessment processes and support services (including, but not limited to, answer sheet development, data warehouse, scanning and scoring and instructional reports).

- **Test Scanning team attended the statewide meeting in preparation for the 2016-2017 assessment process.**
- **Process is in place to receive CBT files in order to provide Common Data Views and other DW reports to districts.**
- Develop strategic plans to improve data analysis reports and dashboards.
 - **RICs have formed a Data Visualization Committee to investigate tools for providing an interactive and visual interface for the data in the warehouse, as well as, other data sources.**
 - **Planning is underway. First face to face meeting is scheduled for June 6th**
- Develop strategic plans to increase the number of stakeholders with electronic access to RIC developed instructional reports.
 - **WNYRIC districts will be provided with building level access to Data Warehouse reports functionality is developed and is being tested.**
 - **Building level access is now available to all WNYRIC districts**
- Work in conjunction with NYSED to provide educators with early access to 2016-2017 incoming student reports.
 - **Released 3-8 Common Data Views ELA on May 20th and Math on June 3, 2016..**
 - **Collaborated with RICs to provide the state with a common release date for the 16-17 assessment reports.**
 - **ELA reports to be released May 22nd, Math no later than June 12th. WNYRIC expects to release the reports as early as June 1.**
- Continue to assist NYSED in communicating important information related to NYS data, assessment, and accountability initiatives.
 - **District Data Coordinator meetings and trainings dates are published and have begun for the year.**
- Monitor, expand and refine the data integration, federation, and security initiatives.
 - **WNYRIC team is participating in various training and webinar opportunities with statewide RIC team.**
 - **Two security service offerings will be available to WNYRIC districts in 2017-2018.**

- Work in conjunction with the NYS Chief Privacy Officer to provide leadership related to Education Law 2-D.